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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
UNDER RULE 116

Case 7456R

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :  
Larry Neil Mackey et al. : Confirmation No. 6640  
Serial No. 09/914,966 : Group Art Unit 1714  
Filed September 6, 2001 : Examiner John J. Guarriello  
For Absorbent, Flexible, Structure Comprising Starch Fibers

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 21, 2004, Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the rejections in light of the following amendments and remarks herein.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION begin on page 2 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 5 of this paper.

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